



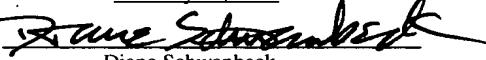
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**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Applicants submit this paper in response to the Final Office Action dated November 20, 2008, and in conjunction with the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) being filed concurrently herewith. Please amend this application as follows:

The **Amendments to the Claims** made herein are reflected in the **Listing of Claims**, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Applicants' **Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.